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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **KITAMURA, et al.**

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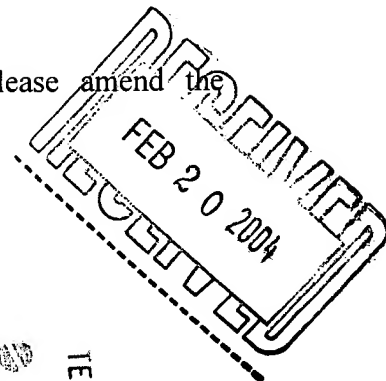
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated **December 22, 2003**, please amend the  
above-identified application as follows:



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